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S.B. No. 504

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 504:

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C.S.S.B. No. 504

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature; creating
an offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 572, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 572.062 to read as follows:

Sec. 572.062. FORMER LEGISLATOR: LOBBYING RESTRICTED;
CRIMINAL OFFENSE. (a) In this section, "administrative action,"
"communicates directly with," "legislation," "member of the
executive branch," and "member of the legislative branch" have the
meanings assigned by Section 305.002.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a former member of
the legislature may not engage in activities that require
registration under Chapter 305 before the first anniversary of the
first day of the first regular legislative session to convene after
the person ceases to be a member.

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a former member who
does not receive compensation other than reimbursement for actual
expenses for communicating directly with a member of the
legislative or executive branch to influence legislation or
administrative action.

(d) A former member who violates this section commits an
offense. An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Section 572.062, Government Code, as added by

1 this Act, applies only to a member of the legislature who ceases to
2 be a member after the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 8, 2019.